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Patent Fees:

| 37 CFR | · | | |
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| Sec. | Description | Current Fee | New Fee Amount |
| | | Amount | (Effective 12/29/99) |
| 1.16(a) | Basic filing fee - Utility | ·\$760 | \$690 |
| 1.16(a) | Basic filing fee - Utility (Small Entity) | \$380 | \$345 |
| 1.16(a) | Basic filing fee - Utility (CPA) | \$760 | \$690 |
| 1.16(a) | Basic filing fee - Utility (CPA) (Small Entity) | \$380 | \$345 |
| 1.16(h) | Reissue filing fee | \$760 | \$690 |
| 1.16(h) | Reissue filing fee (Small Entity) | \$380 | \$345 |
| 1.16(h) | Reissue filing fee (CPA) | \$760 | \$690 |
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| 1.20(e) | Maintenance fee – due at 3.5 years | \$940 | \$830 |
| 1.20(e) | Maintenance fee - due at 3.5 years (Small Entity | y) \$470 | \$415 |
| 1.492(a)(2) | ISA - U.S. | \$760 | \$690 |
| 1.492(a)(2) | ISA - U.S. (Small Entity) | \$380 | \$345 |

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| | • | Amount | (Effective 1/10/00) |
| 1.17(r) | Filing a submission after final rejection (1.129(a)) | \$760 | \$690 |
| 1.17(r) | Filing a submission after final rejection (1.129(a)) | \$380 | \$345 |
| , , | (Small Entity) | | |
| 1.17(s) | Per additional invention to be examined (1.129(b)) | \$760 | \$690 |
| 1.17(s) | Per additional invention to be examined (1.129(b)) | \$380 | \$345 |
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| | • | Amount | (Effective 1/10/00) |
| 2.6(a)(1) | Application for registration, per class | \$245 | \$325 |
| 2.6(a)(4) | Extension for filing Statement of Use, per class | \$100 | \$150 |
| | Application for renewal, per class | \$300 | \$400 |
| 2.6(a)(13) | Filing section 15 affidavit, per class | \$100 | \$200 |
| | Petition for cancellation, per class | \$200 | \$300 |
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